*Other applicants.*

i] Mr. S. Doraswami Ayyar, B. A., Sub Inspector of Police.

ii. K. Kelukutti Menon, clerk, Excise Superintendent's Office, has passed the Matriculation Examination and the Madras Excise Test (Higher grade).

iii. C. K. Venkiteswara Ayyar, Assistant Distillery Officer, Excise Test (Higher grade), Criminal Law (Higher grade).

iv. T. A. Parameswara Ayyar, B. A., clerk, Secretariat.

v. C. P. Karunakara Menon, B. A., Scout Organising Officer.

(c) (1) For neglect of duty in not recording cases of tapping without payment of tree-tax. (2) The Superintendent was favourably impressed with the activities of the aminadar in breaking up combination amongst the bidders of shops at the auction sales. The period of degradation was therefore cut short by a portion. The degradation was not wholly cancelled.

(d) Please see *Appendix I*.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—May I know which portion remains uncancelled?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—It is given in the 2nd proceedings in the appendix. The degradation was to expire on 25th Mithunam 1102. But it was cancelled with effect from 1st Mithunam 1102. So the period previous to 1st Mithunam 1102 remains uncancelled.

**Reversion of C. P. Govinda Menon.**

**72. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether C. P. Govinda Menon, Excise Inspector, was reverted to his former appointment; if so, why;

(b) how long was he Inspector;

(c) before reversion, was he given an opportunity of explanation of his conduct; if so, what was his explanation?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Yes, because of his flagrant disobedience of orders and breach of discipline and his illegal conduct in connection with the search of an A class tobacco shop and the breaking open of the licensee's table late in the night and in his absence.

(b) From 8th Medam 1096 to 20th Mithunam 1102.

(c) Yes; the explanation was a laborious and unsatisfactory one, and the chief point in it was that his irregularities might be considered as an error of discretion. The explanation is not, however, a matter of public concern, and nothing further can be said about it.

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**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Was there any complaint from the licensee about this illegal action?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Yes.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Complaint to whom?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Complaint to the Superintendent of Excise.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Was there any complaint made in the Magistrate Court?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—By whom?

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—By the licensee.

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—I am not aware, I mean the Government is not aware.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Was there any other complaint against this Govinda Menon during his 6 years' service in that department?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—I cannot say. I do not remember.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Was he made permanent?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Permanent in what?

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Permanent in the Excise Department.

**President.**—He was never made permanent in that department.

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—He was a permanent teacher in the Education Department. He was never made permanent in my department.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Was he given any promotion after he was appointed in this department?

**President.**—He was taken as an Inspector and then on that Inspector's place he was getting increments. No promotion or anything. He received increase in his salary according to his grade.

**73. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) why Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon, Excise Inspector, was reverted to his permanent appointment as a school-master;

(b) how long was he in the Excise Department;

(c) was he given an opportunity to explain his conduct before reversion; if so, what was his explanation;

(d) what were the final orders of the Government, if any;

(e) are there any remarks in his service books adverting to his conduct; if so, what are they?

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**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—(a), (b) and (c), Vide answer to question No. 72.

(d) The Inspector was ordered to be reverted to his permanent appointment in the Education Department.

(e) It is seen from the service book that his promotion and increment were stopped for one year while he was in the Education Department before.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—May I know which are the orders disobeyed? Here I am referred to the previous question. 'Because of his flagrant disobedience of orders'; which are the orders?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Orders issued by the Excise Department.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—That is a very general answer. Can the Member please point out the particular order?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—I want notice.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Was there no specific order?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—His illegal conduct in connection with the search of an A class tobacco shop.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Was there any criminal complaint against that man in the 2nd class Magistrate Court at Trichur?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—By whom?

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—By the Inspector.

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—There was a complaint preferred by the Inspector. It was for an illicit sale of tobacco.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—In connection with this very same matter was not a complaint made by the Inspector?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—It is not in connection with this very same matter. The complaint was for an alleged illicit sale of the tobacco by a B class licensee at Trichur to a B class licensee at Ollur.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Did the Magistrate refer to the conduct and character of this Inspector as laudable in the judgment?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Whether the Magistrate's remarks were in those terms, I must look into the judgment.

**President.**—I remember there were expressions in that equivalent to that. Take it like that. There were some complimentary remarks in the Magistrate's judgment.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Who were all present when this table was opened?

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**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Is it a suppiementary question, Sir ?

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Breaking open the licensee's table late in the night and in his absence, I say, the licensee's man was there.

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—The licensee's man was there.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Trichur Cusba Sub-Inspector was there.

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—He was there.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Then there was no looting during the search at least.

**President.**—Mr. Raja, no comment on the answer ?

**74. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon, late Excise Inspector, applied for privilege leave in Edavam 1102 ;

(2) the date on which the application was forwarded to the Diwan by the Excise Superintendent ;

(3) the date on which the leave was granted ;

(4) the date on which orders were passed reverting him to the Education Department ;

(5) the total amount of pay he would have got during his leave period if the leave was granted before the orders of reversion and the actual amount that he got at present as pay during the leave period ;

(6) what are the names of the officers who were given promotion consequent on the reversion of Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon ?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—He put in an application on 23rd Edavam 1102. It could not be acted upon as it did not conform to the rules. He then put in a revised application on 31st Edavam 1102.

(2) The application was not forwarded to the Diwan.

(3) 6th August 1927.

(4) 9th June 1927.

(5) The question does not arise as he had been ordered to be reverted before his application for leave.

(6) 1. P. V. Parasurama Ayyar, 1st grade aminadar.
2. P. R. Subrahmanya Ayyar, 2nd grade aminadar.
3. K. R. Ramaswami Ayyar, 3rd grade aminadar.
4. T. N. Neelakanda Ayyar, 4th grade aminadar.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—May I know what was the formality which was not complied with in the 1st application?

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**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—It was not appended with the necessary declaration which every application for privilege leave should be accompanied with.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Was not the declaration separately submitted on 24th Edavam 1102?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Yes.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—This order is dated 9th June corresponding to the 26th Edavam 1102 according to the calendar. The new application came in before the orders were passed.

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—By the time the declaration came in a separate report, the original application was returned to the Inspector, as the same had to be submitted in duplicate.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—The application for leave was on 23rd Edavam 1102. The declaration was submitted separately on 24th Edavam 1102 and this order was passed on 26th Edavam 1102. And the answer to my question is "The question does not arise as he had been ordered to be reverted before his application for leave." If the facts are as brought, his application was before he was reverted.

**President.**—His application was on the 23rd and it was received on the same day.

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—It was returned to him, as I said, as it was not accompanied with the declaration and as the application was not in duplicate.

**President.**—When was his reversion?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—On the 9th June, i. e., before the day on which I received the application in duplicate with declaration. I received the application on the 13th June.

**President.**—Mr. Govinda Menon put in his application on the 23rd and the rules are that it must be accompanied by a declaration and must be in duplicate. As his first application was not according to rules it had to be returned and it could not be accepted. He then put in an application according to rules on the 31st. What happened between the 23rd and 31st is that the order reverting him to the Education Department was received. What happened between 23rd and 31st, Mr. Raja?

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—I do not know.

**President.**—I thought you wanted to bring something, some facts which happened between the 23rd and the 31st.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—What was the office note on this application on 23rd Edavam 1102?

**President.**—Office notes are confidential and as such cannot be disclosed.

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